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The Honorable Adrian Garcia
Harris County Sheriff
1200 Baker Street
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Dear Sheriff Garcia:

On behalf of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), thank you for participating in the Houston In Concert Against Hate. ADL appreciates and acknowledges all that you have done as a leader in the fight against hate and bigotry. We are delighted that you were a part of our Concert and presented medallions to our mutual friends, State Senator Rodney Ellis, State Representative Senfronia Thompson, and the James Byrd, Jr. family, for their work to enact hate crimes legislation at the state and federal levels.

We especially want to commend your efforts to adopt and implement policy to prohibit discrimination or harassment of any kind based on sexual orientation or gender identity in the inmate population and in the workplace. The new policy is one of the strongest in the nation and will serve as a model for other jurisdictions.

ADL has a longstanding commitment to protecting civil rights, particularly those that affect the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community. The League has been a key partner in the fight to seek protections for members of the LGBT community in the workplace and beyond, and we commend the Harris County Sheriff's Department, under your leadership, for its commitment to the principles of fairness and equality for all.

Sincerely,

Martin B. Cominsky, Director
ADL Southwest Region

Thanks for all
you do to
assure justice and
fair treatment
for all.